NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE LOCAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION

The Local Boundary Commission proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 3, Chapter 110 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with municipal boundary changes, including the following:

- (1) Substantial housekeeping amendments throughout the provisions in 3 AAC 110 to eliminate ambiguities in terminology and to refine procedures for municipal incorporation, annexation, merger, consolidation, detachment, dissolution, and city reclassification;
- (2) addition of a new provision in 3 AAC 110 establishing community standards for city incorporation;
- (3) addition of new provisions in 3 AAC 110 establishing standards for the best interests of the state relating to city and borough incorporation and annexation;
- (4) addition of a new provision in 3 AAC 110 establishing new procedural requirements for legislative review annexation proposals; and
- (5) amendment of 3 AAC 110.150 for cities and 3 AAC 110.210 for boroughs to expand procedures for local action annexation by allowing annexation upon approval by a majority of the combined voters who vote on the question in the area proposed for annexation and the annexing municipality; or by a majority of the voters who vote on the question in the annexing municipality if the territory proposed for annexation is uninhabited.

For a copy of the proposed regulation changes, contact Local Boundary Commission staff at the address, phone number, fax number, or e-mail address given below, or go to the Commission's Internet web site at http://www.dced.state.ak.us/mra/LBC/Mrad_lbc.htm

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to:

Local Boundary Commission 550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1770 Anchorage, Alaska 99501-3510

Fax: 907-269-4539 E-mail: LBC@dced.state.ak.us

The comments must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on June 15, 2001.

Oral comments may be submitted at a hearing to be held on June 27, 2001 by teleconference from the following locations:

Dept. of Community & Econ. Dev. 550 West 7th Ave., Suite 1760 Anchorage, Alaska

Fairbanks North Star Borough Building 809 Pioneer Road Fairbanks, Alaska

Kotzebue City Hall City Manager's Office Kotzebue, Alaska

Pelican City Hall Pelican, Alaska

Other teleconference sites may be added for the convenience of the public.

The June 27 hearing will be held from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. and might be extended to accommodate those present before 9:45 a.m. who did not have an opportunity to comment.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Local Boundary Commission staff at 907-269-4559 no later than June 11, 2001 to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

After the public comment period ends, the Local Boundary Commission will either adopt these or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action on them. The language of the final regulations may be different from that of the proposed regulations. YOU SHOULD COMMENT DURING THE TIME ALLOWED IF YOUR INTERESTS COULD BE AFFECTED.

Statutory Authority: AS 29.06.040(c) and AS 44.33.812(a)(2)

Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: AS 29.04.040, AS 29.05.011 – 29.05.150; AS 29.06.040 – 29.06.060; AS 29.06.090 – 29.06.170, AS 29.06.450 – 29.06.530, AS 44.33.810 – 44.33.828.

Fiscal Information: The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

DATE: April 30, 2001

/s/ Kevin Waring

Kevin Waring, Chairman

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The Local Boundary Commission keeps a list of individuals and organizations interested in its regulations. Those on the list will automatically be sent a copy of all of the Local Boundary Commission's Notices of Proposed Regulation Changes. To be added to or removed from the list, send a request to the Local Boundary Commission at the address given above.